Arkansas Department of Agriculture Announces Recipients for the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce recipients of the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program. This program, created with support from the Walton Family Foundation, offers grant funding to eligible farmers in Benton, Washington, Madison, and Carroll counties who are committed to increasing capacity for wholesale fruit and vegetable production. The overall goal of the pilot program is to increase the amount of locally produced food in the four-county area.

“This pilot program provides funding directly to farmers to improve their operations and increase availability of fresh, locally grown food for consumers,” said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. “The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is honored to assist in the administration of this grant program and looks forward to seeing its positive impacts.”

Grants were awarded for eligible expenses to 26 farming operations in the four-county pilot program area. Recipients for the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program are:

- A & A Orchard
- Cochran Gardens
- dH Farm
- Fat Top Farms
- Floraison Farms
- Gifford Gardens
- Greenburrow Farm
- GSS Group
- Hatch Farm
- Hiatt Blueberry Farm
- King Rivers Farm
- McGarrah Farm
- Middle Fork Farm
- Mountain Garden Farm
- Neal Family Farm
- Omnom
- Ozark All Seasons
- Peaceful Warrior Garden
- Plant Spirit Farm
- Rios Family Farm
- Rocky Comfort Natural Farm
- Shimizu Farms
- Snuggle Bug Farm
- Sunny Acres Farm
- Sycamore Bend Farm
- The Farm

For more information about the pilot program, contact Karen Reynolds at karen.reynolds@agriculture.arkansas.gov or (501) 529-1630. Photos from the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program reception are available at flic.kr/s/aHBqjA7ZRK.

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